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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary to the  
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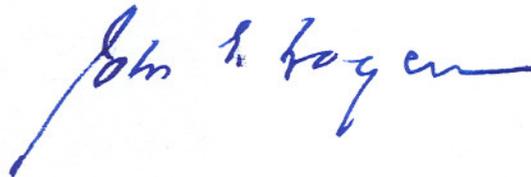
Re: Ex Parte Communication  
WT Docket No. 05-157

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 18, 2005, Mr. Greg Meffert and Mr. Chris Drake of the City of New Orleans, Office of Technology, met with Chairman Martin, Mr. Dan Gonzalez and Mr. Tony Dale. Mr. Nicholas Allard and I, representing Tropos Networks, also attended the meeting.

During the meeting Mr. Meffert and Mr. Drake described the public safety communications environment prior to, during and subsequent to Hurricane Katrina. The requirement for diverse and redundant systems, including the need for a readily available ad hoc infrastructure, such as wireless mesh networks, was emphasized. The use of the mesh networks for voice and broadband communications and its continued role in the recovery efforts was detailed.

Respectfully,

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Copy to: Chairman Martin, Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Dale